

22. (Amended) An optical stack comprising an unsupported intrinsic polarizer lacking a protective coating thereon and an optically functional coating, wherein the thickness of the optical stack is about 25 microns.

23. (Amended) An optical stack, comprising:

an unsupported K-type polarizer having a first surface and a second surface, the K-type polarizer lacking a protective coating thereon;

a first optically functional coating disposed on the first surface of the K-type polarizer;
and

a second optically functional coating disposed on the second surface of the K-type polarizer.

24. (Amended) A method of forming an optical stack, comprising:

providing an unsupported intrinsic polarizer having a first surface and a second surface, the intrinsic polarizer lacking a protective coating thereon; and

disposing a first optically functional coating on the first surface of the intrinsic polarizer.

26. (Amended) The method of claim 24 wherein the disposing step comprises coating.

REMARKS

Claims 1-29 were previously pending in this application. Claim 26 has been rejected under 35 USC §112, second paragraph. Claims 1-5, 12, 13, and 17-29 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Butterfield et al. in view of Applicants' admitted prior art. Claims 6-8 have been rejected under 35 USC §103(a) as being unpatentable over Butterfield et al. in view of Applicants' admitted prior art, and further in view of Ralli. Claims